

American Public Education 1900-1949

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Horizontal Time Line

1900-1914 1917 1930's 1940's

1916 1920's 1930's

Date Details

1900-1914 Wave of Immigrants :

13 million immigrants come from eastern and souther Europe. School used for assimilation, language skills and knowledge taught, children taught to "become American."

1916 Dewey's Democracy in Education:

John Dewey's prgressive educatinon: encourages active learning, encouraging all children participate in real world experiences. Prepares students for all types of occupations.

1917 Smith-Hughes Act:

Dewey's ideas of "Progressive Education" reinterpreted to create agricultural and voational education, preparing students for factory work.

1920's Reorganization of Schools:

Three tiered school sytem created: primary school, junior high, highschool.

1930's Centralization of Districts:

Districts are consolidated for efficiancy and cost effectiveness.

1930's Schools as Factories:

Schools reformed for students to move from room to room, assembly line style.

1940's Red Scare!:

Fear of communism calls for more rigorous education in math and science.